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27 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Research and Development Review Board

SUBJECT: Functioning of RDRB

1 a. The PURPOSE of the RDRB as set forth in [] 16 April 1963, is to review and integrate research and development activities and scientific and technical efforts in the various Agency components concerned. The Board shall ensure that all scientific and technical activities are constantly related to the broadest interpretation of the Agency's mission and shall constitute a reviewing body for the Agency's research and development effort as a whole.

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b. The RDRB will provide an effective internal mechanism for discussing and implementing those recommendations of the Kinzel Board approved by the DCI.

c. The RDRB will meet at the call of the Chairman but at least biweekly.

2. The original CHARTER MEMBERS of the RDRB were:

DDCI, Chairman	AD/SI
DD/R	D/NPIC
C/TSD	Executive Secretariat
D/CO	

3. The RDRB has met on four occasions:

a. The first meeting was held on 17 May 1963. General Carter discussed the role he foresaw for the RDRB, which is essentially that described in the PURPOSE stated above. []

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[REDACTED] I have no further information as to action generated as a result of this presentation except for the fact that the Office of Communications will keep the Board advised of new developments in this field.

b. The second meeting was held on 31 May 1963 and featured a presentation by Dr. Tietjen on the "Application for CIA of Bio-Electronic Techniques and Systems to Monitor Human Physiological Responses." There are no minutes available concerning this meeting, and I assume that all that transpired was a demonstration followed by a discussion period.

c. The third meeting of the Board took place 29 June 1963 at NPIC. Mr. McCone introduced Dr. Kinzel to the Board. Mr. Lundahl and staff gave an introduction and brief review of photographic progress and the NPIC research and development program. This was followed by a discussion of multi-sensor imagery [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A demonstration of the use of color photography and black-and-white photography simultaneously as stereo-conjugates was given. The meeting ended with an introduction to the subject of image intensifiers.

d. The fourth meeting took place on 11 July 1963:

(1) General Carter discussed the current budget squeeze and how it will affect Agency R&D programs. He urged cutting out marginal functions and diverting funds from less important to more important activities.

(2) A discussion followed of the 31 May, Bio-Electronic presentation by the Medical Staff. General Carter mentioned that it was his opinion that the program was nice to have, but he did not feel it was something we would have to have. General Carter indicated he would inform the Chief of the Medical Staff of his decision in regard to the proposed Bio-Electronic project. The last information I have on this topic from General Carter is that "Dr. Wheelon is now reviewing the project for me."

(3) Dr. Kinzel addressed the Board and discussed the Scientific Advisory Board which he was organizing.

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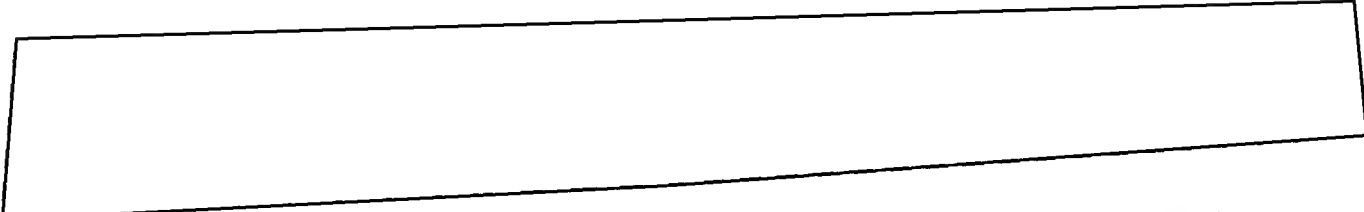
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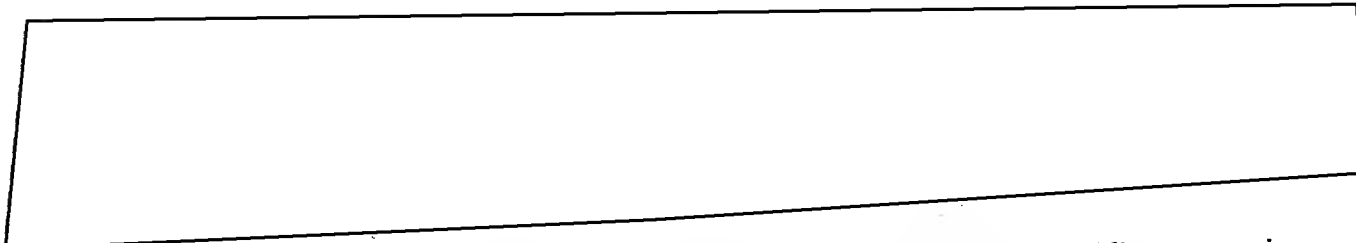


(5) General Carter raised the question of whether the RDRB can reasonably expect to keep itself informed on R&D developments in the U.S. Government. It was decided that General Strong would discuss at a future meeting his progress in this area.

(6) It was agreed that Mr. Lundahl and Dr. Gottlieb would prepare a short paper for the RDRB outlining how presentations by industrial concerns to the RDRB, to help keep its members informed of selected R&D activity in American industry, might be usefully made at regular intervals.

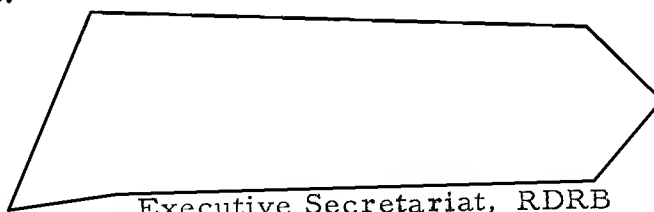
(7) Mr. Lundahl reported on the development of a new Polaroid camera by Eastman Kodak as well as the development of a new laser enlarger.

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(9) The feasibility of recruiting via national scientific magazines was presented by Dr. Wheelon. As a result, the Office of Personnel, in consultation with Dr. Wheelon, prepared such an advertisement, and it was published in a national magazine.

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